

ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA. TUESDAY, OCTOBER 5.

J. D. Davidson, esq., of Lexington, in a recent address to the grangers of Rockbridge county gave some practical advice which farmers might do well to consider. He said that it was a shameful fact that there "are but five thousand sheep in Rockbridge, two thousand less than Job fed in the land of Uz." He quoted the Culpeper Times, which said that in that county one hundred thousand sheep might be raised, which, at the lowest estimate, would yield \$300,000; more than all the other crops in the county would yield in two years, and at greatly less cost. The Observer added: "There are three obstacles in the way however, of the people entering on this branch of husbandry, to-wit: The Legislature, the rogues and the dogs." Mr. Davidson referred to a tabular statement of the taxable property in Rockbridge county in 1874, from which it appears that that county invests in music, silverware and jewelry \$36,800; in sheep, \$10,800; in hogs, \$20,500 -\$31,300; showing an excess in music and silverware over sheep and hogs of \$5,500. This shows good taste in the fine aris, but Mr. Davidson seems to prefer the substantial to the poetical He also complained that Virginians too often bought their bacon, corn and lard from the West instead of raising them at home. The absence of old Virginia hams from the market has been lately commented on at home and abroad.

Yesterday the people of Connecticut elected their town officers and voted upon two proposed amendments to their State Constitution. One of these amendments provides that the time for holding the annual elections shall be changed from April to November, thus coinciding with the time of the election of Congressmen, after November, 1876; that the State officers and members of the State Senate shall hold office for two years, and that the Legislature shall meet in January, instead of in May. 1t also provides that in the election of State Senators those representing the even-numbered districts shall be chosen one year and those in the odd districts the next year. The second amendment empowers, the Legislature to restore, by a two thirds vote, the franchise to men who have torfeited it by a conviction for crime. The returns indicate the adoption of all the amendments, The vote in favor of liquor license was largely in the majority in the larger 10,000. towns and cities, and about evenly divided in the smaller towns and the villages.

The Constitutional Convention of Alabama adjourned on Saturday. The new constitution goes to the people for ratification. The main changes are: First, That the State cannot be made a party to any suit; second, no debt against the State can be created by authority of the General Assembly, other than for necessary expenses; third, holding of State and general elections to be upon different days; fourth, taxation limited to three-fourths of one per ct .; fifth, biennial sessions of the General Assembly are not to last over fifty days; sixth, reduction in the number of circuit judges and chancellors; seventh, cutting down of school fund; eighth, reducing salaries of State officers twenty-five per cent, and economy in every branch of the

The past week or so has witnessed a curious phenomenon in the business of Boston. The extensive sale of damaged dry goods by a great retail establishment in that city has had the effect of almost depleting the custom of all other stores for the time being. The Bulletin of that city thinks this is only a suddea development of the centralization of business, and the absorption of minor concerns by the "head centres." This tendency is not confined to any one branch, but it extends, more or less, through all, and many changes may be looked for in small business houses, and a readjustment of every department.

The dry weather during the last three weeks has been very beneficial to the tobacco in this State. Much of it was beginning to ripen betore the rains coased, and when saturated with water was seriously damaged by blight and had to be cut green. That which was still growing when the rain ceased, and has since matured, makes a very fair article. The Richmond Whig says the crop, we suppose, will be a full average in quantity and of mixed quality. As to corn, that is everywhere stated to be the largest yield known in the State for many years.

The vanderbilt University, at Nashville, Tenn., was inaugurated yesterday. (In Sunday sermons were preached by Bishops Doggett and Wightman appropriate to the event, and yesterday addresses were made by Rev. Dr. Deems, of New York, Chancellot Lipscomb, of Georgia, and Governor Porter, of Teppessee.

tunity afforded by the late fine weather for plowing is being availed of in England, France and Belgium. The downward tendency in the higher at Dantzig, and there is more firmness | months' imprisonment for stealing five thousin the German and Hungarian markets.

A dispatch to the London Times says that the Turks have been reinforced at Trebigne and Klek, and that the insurgents are retiring. The Servian Ministry have resigned in consequence of a declaration of Prince Milan at a secret sitting of the Council, and a conserva-

The total coinage for the month of September was 5,792,171 pieces, valued at \$4,987,195. During the same period the refineries at Philadelphia, New York, Carson City and San Francisco refined and parted 182,560 ounces of fine gold, amounting to \$3,773 575, and 1,382,321 ounces of silver, valued at \$1,727,901.

The annual meeting of the Association for Improving the Condition of the Poor of Baltimore was held last night. The total receipts for the year were \$36,036 22, all of which sum, except \$271 58, was disbursed or invested by the Society for charitable purposes.

Mr. Wade, the British Envoy to China, has notified the Legation at Sharghai that his negotiations have averted an immediate war.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

Spain wants 80,000 men, with which to reenforce her army.

Russia's debt on the 1st of January was

£470,000 000, and is constantly increasing. New York city has on her docket for trial

luring the term ten murders and homicides. Mr. J. Hall Pleasants has been elected Presdent of the Baltimore Board of Trade.

Don Pedro, Emperor of Brazil, is coming to this country next spring.

Montreal wholesale houses have notified their customers that they intend to reduce prices instead of sending out travellers.

During the month of September there was coined at the Mint, in San Francisco, the sum Saturday's foreign mail from New York

consisted of 45,085 letters and 68 bags of

There were about five thousand depositors who had sums of less than one dollar in the late Freedman's Bank.

Spontaneous combustion crused a \$50,000 fire in the Washington Mills, at Lawrence, Mass., yesterday morning. Joseph B. Ficklin, jr., has been elected

director in the Fredericksburg National Bank, in place of Mr. Geo. B. Scott, resigned. Moody and Sankey are to begin the revival

work in New York, November 1; too late, adds a cotemporary, to have any effect on the The Chicago bar, at the beginning of the

present vacation of the courts, could boast of over 900 lawyers. Litigation or starvation must be frequent. The Richmond Journal wants a statue erect-

ed to the memory of Captain John Smith. If the descendants will subscribe the thing can be done in a little while.

The employees of the U.S. Treasurer's office have procured a handsome clock and mantle ornaments of nickel and gold for presentation to their late chief, Gen. Spinner.

are discharging about 2,000 men from their the Maryland Sugar Reficing Company, of The furniture in the sleeping apartments is also workshops as no longer needed. The whole number of employees will then be about chases of sugar, &c., they baving advanced

There are a great many people in town today who are not very humane.

> "Alas, for the rarity Of Christian charity Under the sun.'

The political campaign continues to be conducted with much spirit throughout Maryland, especially in Baltimore. Hereabouts we never knew politics quite as dead; people seem to as to the purposes, formation and government have forgotten that there were such things.

The Conservatives in Westmoreland county have nominated Col. Wm. M. Walker for the Vice President. Mr. N. S. Fisher was elected Legislature, and the Radicals have nominated | Secretary and Treasurer. Mr. John Murphy. Dr. Thos. R. Ditty is running as an independent candidate.

Rev. J. W. Cown, pastor of the Baptist Chorch of Gordonsville, has received a call from the church at Stevensburg, in Culpeper county, to become its pastor, and, it is believed,

Mr. M. H. Marsteller, formerly of Prince William county, but now residing in California, has recently been elected Commonwealth's Attorney of his district. He is a young gentleman of decided abilities.

The Washington Republican, President Grant's special champion, says that "Vice-President Wilson has proved himself to be an utterly valueless instrument or political agent, not to say tool." Which is unkind to say the least of it-and then the doctors have prohibited him from talking. What will he do !

The genial editor of the Fredericksburg News has received the tollowing compliment from one of his subscribers : "The high tone of your paper, faithful echo of a chivalrie past, and, I trust, bright harbinger of a brighter fu-How big A Little must feel after that. "A thing of beauty is a joy forever. " &c.

The medical advisers of Vice President Wilson have counselled him to abandon his intention of lecturing this season, as they fear that the strain on his constitution, in addition to his official duties and the completion of his book, would prove too much for him. Better advice as to talking could not have been given - as far as the public are concerned.

Bishop-elect McLaren, of Illinois, it is said, will be endorsed by the Standing Committees, and Illinois will have a High Church Bishop. In Iowa, just across the Mississippi from Illinois, the Bishop-elect, Dr. Eccleston, is now going through the ecclesiastical mill, and The Mark Lane Express says that the oppor- is pretty certain of being Bishop, and Iowa will have a Low Churchman.

A Toronto magistrate sentenced a woman to three months' imprisonment for stealing fifty corn market has stopped. Wheat is reported cents, and let off one Milligan, with one and dollars. This falls short of a New York lustice, who sentenced a boy to six mouths' imprisonment for stealing twenty-five cents, declaring that society needed an example.

The Mayor of Brooklyn, admitting a debt of nearly \$39,000,000, says: "There has been a perfection of a 'ring' in Brooklyn, made of

NEWS OF THE DAY.

"To show the very age and body of the Times." President Grant and party left Salt Lake for Denver at four o'clock yesterday afternoon. The reported death of ex Governor Olden,

of New Jersey, is contradicted. The steamer L. J. Badger has been burned in the Baltic Sea. Twenty four passengers and eleven of the crew perished.

Eight thousand Catholics paraded in Montreal on Sunday, and perfect order was observed.

Chester driving park at Cincinnati will be opened this week with a racing programme embracing \$20,000 in premiums.

The Delaware and Hudson Canal Company has nearly completed a new building for offices in New York which has cost \$1,250,000. In New York, Sunday night, Michael Mulli-

gan, while intoxicated, beat his wife severyly

and threw her out of a window thirty feet from the ground. Her recovery is doubtful. The St. Louis agricultural and industrial fair opened yesterday with fine weather and large attendance, including 25,000 public school

children, who were admitted free. The Nevada Bank at San Francisco opened yesterday There was a large crowd in attendance but no demonstration. The Bank of California is doing business as usual, with no extraordinary call on its resources.

In Jersey City, N. J., Tuesday pight, Thos. and James Goodwin, while intoxicated, beat Saturday. They were arrested.

The Philadelphia police raided the gambling nouses of Wm. Anderson and Daniel Henry and Albert Cook, in that city, last night, capturing fifteen persons, including backers and Tennyson's "Queen Mary," adapted by

Stephen Fiske, was performed at the Arch Street Theatre, Philadelphia, last night, being the first representation of the poem on any A clerk from the Iudiau Office and one from

the Pension Office have been sent to the Indian Territory to examine the pension claims of the Cherokee Indians who served as soldiers during the late war. The third annual Convention of Engineers of the Fire Departments of the United States

assembled in New York yesterday. Among the nominations for Vice-President for the ensuing year is Chief Engineer Spillman, of the Baltimore Department. A verdict for \$12,500 damages was yesterday awarded against the Boston Gas Light Com-

pany in a suit growing out of personal injuries received by Martha Hutchinson by an explosion of gas at the time of the great fire in No-From information received at the Navy Department it is ascertained that the certificates of indebtedness issued by G. M. Pinney, clerk to Pay Inspector Spaulding, will amount to about \$750,000. The loss, however, will fall

upon individuals and not upon the Govern-Stirling, Ahrens & Co. have instituted a suit The Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company in the Superior Court, in Baltimore, against save a rolling motion, we are unable to say. which they were agents, to recover \$407,248 07. They claim this amount is owing them for pur-

capital to carry on the busines of that refinery. Letter from Falls Church.

[Correspondence of the Alexandria Gazette.] FALL CHURCH, VA., Oct. 4, 1875.-A meet. ing to organize a Literary Association was held at the residence of Mr. W. A. Duncan, Falls Church, Va., on the 29th of Sept. A goodly number of our most worthy and intelligent citizens was present, and after a general discussion of said Association, an organization was effected. Mr. W. A. Duncao was chosen President of

The following persons were then elected to serve as committees: Putilic Entertainment-Mr. Schuyler Duyer, Rev. D. H. Riddle, and Mr. J. F. Bramhall. Parlor Entertainment-Mrs. John McCor

mick, Mrs. C. H. Buxton, and Mrs. N. S. Fisher. The names of the above committees are a sufficient guarantee that nothing will be left

undone that can add to the interest of the Association during the coming winter. Mr. John S. Koon an old and respected citizen, died at his residence on Friday last.

He was highly esteemed by all who knew him, and was a devoted husband and father. He left an interesting family who have our deepest sympathy in their bereavement. His funeral, which took place from the Presbyterian Church, yesterday, was well attended. The weather has been delightful during the

past week, though the crimson foliage gives signs of "Jack Frost's" chilly blast, and admonishes out farmers to the filling of "storehouse and garner" for the fast approaching "AMITY."

EXHIBITION OF THE KEELEY MOTOR.-There was a private exhibition of the Keeley motor at the inventor's residence, in Philadelphia, on Saturday evening, in the presence of a numture, makes it a continuous pleasure. " Whew! ber of prominent gentlemen, including Vice Admiral Wellesley and Captain Gore Jones, of the royal pavy. The Times says:

"Mr. Keeley showed to the satisfaction of all that he had the power of producing in a few moments, and out of the simplest elements, a very considerable elastic force; so great, indeed, that being applied to a large lever heaviy weighted the unprecedented pressure of 1,750 pounds to the square inch was indicated by the gauge. But as this force was not continuous in its action, as was shown by the fact of the gauge declining from 1,750 pounds to 500 pounds in half an hour, the suggestion was made by one of the British naval officers that possibly this force could not be mabe constant, and therefore would not be calculated to do actual "work." The English officers declined to express any opinion, for the reason, as they declared, that they knew nothing about it; they simply saw certain results, but were utterly upable to account for their mode of production. Mr. Keeley declares that as soon as he gets his new machine, the last piece of which is promised within a week, he will be enabled to renew the mysterious power developed at the exhibition, and, indeed, increase it forty-fold, if necessary.

Archduke Maximilian, of Bavaria, went recently to Vienua to visit his daughter, the Empress of Austria. He always travels quietly, and was mistaken for a business man by a talkative Austrian tradesman who occupied the same compartment in the train, and who, after telling all about his own affairs, asked the

A Royal Voyage.

Our readers are aware that the Serapis has been fitted up as a pleasure yacht to convey the Prince of Wales to India. The London News of the 20th describes the fitting up of the royal cabin, from which we may learn what comforts are considered necessary for a protracted sea voyage of an English Prince: "On ascending the grand staircase we find

ourselves in the royal saloon. Here, perhaps,

the visitors, will experience some little disap-

pointment. There is no glitter or gorgeous-

uess. Indeed, we question whether the general appearance is not too sombre. The whole of the upholstery and the principal part of the furniture were selected by his Royal Highness himself, and he was consulted on every point. The apartments are very spacious, and have been so arranged that they can easily be divided by means of silk curtains. The whole of the grand saloon has been devoted to the use of his Royal Highness. The cabins hitherto existing have been removed, and the space has Alice. Both were accepted, and the wedding been used for the erection of sleeping cabins, dressing-rooms and bath-rooms, which his Royal Highness will use, those on one side during the outward and those on the other side during the homeward voyage. The whole of the royal furniture is in unpolished English len arrived first, and the knot was tied, and oak; the coverings of the chairs, sofas and Miss Alice became Mrs. Wheeler. The cerelounges, the tops of the tables, and, in fact, everything requiring to be covered, are in a dull brown morocco leather. The stero lounges | ment when they learned that Alice was already are framed, like the rest, in English oak, and are covered with leather, but the frames have been demanded by Kreizer. Wheeler couldn't see highly polished. The principal dining table the necessity of his bride making explanawill accommodate sixty guests, and will be in tions to any former lover, and put the form of a horseshoe, the bow being fixed his foot down very peremptorily. Wheeler close to the bulkhead of the saloon. This tatheir father, an old man of seventy years, in ble, however, will not always be used, and it is ensued, pistols were brandished, and there was such a manner that he died of his injuries on so constructed that it can easily be removed to apparently some danger of a dead bridegroom make way for a smaller one of an oval shape, gracing the occasion, in which event we have which will accommodate twenty-four guests. There are uppolished oak dumb waiters and dinner wagons; oak side flaps or caving tables, card tables (one of Messrs. Jackson & Graham's, recently invented.) and comfortable reclining chairs, and a host of other articles in oak which it would be difficult to enumerate. The whole of the carpeting throughout the royal apartment is of one pattern, and is in general keeping with the furniture. It is one of the best Brussels, and the pattern is Persian in character. The table covers are of Indian patterns. We may add that the arms of his Royal Highness appear upon nearly every article, even the brown morneco overlaps of the stationery cases for the writing tables and the many-colored leather footstools being stamped in gold with them. The general decorations of the saloons are exceedingly chaste, and reflect the greatest credit upon all concerned in their execution. The principal color is white, relieved by a very pale blue, with which the columns and cornices are painted. The latter are surmounted at intervals of about four feet with miniatures of the crest of the Indian troop ships, namely, a golden suo, bearing a garter containing the words, 'Heaven's light our guide, within which is a star worked in silver. Gold has been freely but not extravagantly used in 'picking out' (to use a technical term) the various points usually gilded in yacht decorations. The sides are also relieved by eight pier glasses, framed in unpolished oak, a thick rope of gold eneircling the whole. The Prince's retiring apartments are fitted up with every regard to comfort. He will sleep on a magnificent brass bedstead, which will be fixed to two upright standards, so as to give it a cradle movement; but what the effect will be in case of the ship pitching, or lurching, or make any of oak, with brown morocco coverings, the cabinets being particularly worthy of mention, on account of the excellence of the carving. The writing tables are particularly handsome, the brown leather tops being richly edged with a broad band of gold worked into a design, combining the rose, shamrock, and thistle, while the Prince of Wales' feathers occupy each corner. The whole of the windows of the state apartments are furnished with patent self-acting spring blinds of sage green silk, the rollers being hidden by sage green valances of silken fringe, interspersed here and there with white silk tassels. Each window will also be supplied

with lace curtains of magnificent pattern. The Great Jennings Estate.

In the Cambridge Independent Press, an English exchange, we find the following history of the Jennings (or rather Jenyns) estate, which has troubled so many minds in Virginia: "THE JENNEN ESTATE .- A correspondent, signing himself 'C. H..' writing from 104 Great

Dover street, Southwalk, says : "Will you kindly allow me through the medium of your paper to explain the mystery which has so long surrounded the property of William Jenyns, of Acton Hall, in the county of Suffolk, who died intestate in the year 1798. It has been represented by many of the Jenningses that the parties who have a right to the same must descend from one Humphrey Jennens, a great iron master, who lived about the sixteenth century. This is a mistake, for they could not have been aware that William Jennens had at the time he was living a first cousin, John, residing at Bottisham Hall, in Cambridgeshire, who would have been heir of the whole of the property had he not died before the intestate (the family having his own writings to prove the same.) Thus the existing branches, being descendants of the said Jeny us, claim to be the only parties interested in the property of the beforesaid William.

"I subjoin herewith a brief account of the family: In the year 1668 there lived in the county of Hertford one John Jenyns, who married Elizabeth Wrexham, the said John leaving issue two sons, John and Robert. Robert, must particularly notice in connection with these vast estates, left issue one son, William, who died intestate in 1798, leaving immense wealth unclaimed. This has been the cause of much public excitement among the Jenningses in all parts of England, Ireland and the colonies for the past balt century, and the said Jennings es have expended large sums of money in endeavoring to trace their genealogy to connect the intestate above named, but without success, this being utterly impossible, the family who are solely connected therewith being from the beforesaid John Jenyns, of Bottisham, first cousin to the intestate, which can be proved by the said John's writings; wherein he states that his uncle Robert clothed him and sent him to Bottisham Hall (the then seat of Soame Jenyns) where he worked as a laborer on the estate, and after the death of his uncle Robert, his first cousin William, of Acton Hall, visited him, and paid the money he allowed him. In the year 768 his first cousin William invited John to visit him at Acton Hall, Suffolk. He went and remained with him a week. The last visit William paid to his cousin John he found him very feeble, and their parting words were: 'It we're o meet no more on carth, we hope to meet in Heaven.' John, of Bottisham, being well aware of his relationship, particularly mentions in his writings: 'If William Jenyns, of Acton Hall, Suffolk, (my first cousin) dies a bachelor, or without a will, his property will all belong to me, John Jenyns, of Bottisham, who married Elizabeth Taylor; and if I am taken away first, then it will go to my family at Waterbeach (this place is three miles from Bottisham.)

'The whole of these writings the present family are in possession of to prove the authenticity of their statement. The father of John Jenyns, of Bottisham, sold his property to his brother Robert, which accounted for his son being so poor; but according to his own account they here lost sight of him, although they kept him in humble circumstances The family have also evidence from many professional gentleman, who pronounce them to be the only parties having any claim to the late William Jenyn's property, as also from one of her Majesty's chaplains, who had in his possession a book belonging to the Acton estate, and before seeing the

held the property in trust, a great deal of trouble."

Some time ago certain parties were trying to dig up some old man lennings in the neighborhood of Burkeville, when we advised 'em to give up their ungodly pursuits. Then we heard that somebody in Buckingham had gone to England to grab the estate Our solemn bolief is that the "Jennings estate" is the reason why the Staunton Linatic Asylum had to be en-larged. And now, alas! vanitas vanitatum. We have only one comfort—if that estate don't belong to us, it ought to. We have a lively conviction that we ought to be rich-but we ain't .- Farmville Mercury.

A KANSAS WEDDING. - Kansas newspapers print a curious story of a recent occurrence in Holt county, that State. It runs thus: "A young lady, Miss Alice Carson, divided her attention between two young men-a Mr. Kretzer, of Holt, and a Mr. Wheeler, of Atchisou county. Both Kretzer and Wheeler were farally enamored, and asked for the hand of Miss day set for each on the same day, though neither knew of the other's standing. Wheeler engaged a Methodist local minister, Mr. Callen, to tie the knot, and Kretzer procured the services of Rev. Mr. Edmonds. Wheeler and Calmony was hardly weil over when Kretzer and Edmonds drove up. Imagine their astonishno doubt the virgin widow would have prompt ly accepted the surviving lover. But no blood was spilled, the parties separating without any specific understanding upon social affairs.

The Holt county Sentinel courageously puts itself on record in denunciation of what it seems to regard as the priocipal outrage in the affair: We think it wrong, and it works great injustice to the regular circuit minister by allowing the local preachers to step in and carry off the perquisites of the regular ministers, as they need every dollar they get. And the performance of the marriage ceremony should and would bring many a dollar to them.

AN UNWELCOME PRODIGAL. - Five years ago a man living in Dowagiac, Mich., went away from home ostensibly on business, leaving his wife with two little children, one of whom was very ill, and who sut's quently died. Nothing was heard from the absent husband for two months, when the body of a man was found in a field, which, though badly decomposed, was recognized by various persons as that of the wanderer. Not long after the woman removed to Jackson, where she secured a situation as cook in a hotel.

One day last week who should present himself before the hard-working woman but her long lost hu-band. Instead of rushing into his arms, she coolly proceeded to inquire into the reasons for his absence, and finding that he had been living in Missouri hoping to better his condition, which he had, however, failed to do, she became indignant at his leaving her to care for herself and her sick family as best she could, that she gave the prodigal an intimation that as she had got along very well without him for five years, she could keep on doing so. The man concluded to go and live on some other

SACRIFICE OF THE PRESIDENT'S THOROUGH BREDS -The sale of President Grant's thoroughbreds took place at St. Louis on Thursday, and the unaccountably low prices which they realized was the subject of comment among the three hundred persons who attend ed. As a sample of prices, it may be stated that the Nellie Grant team, Lady Morgan and Queane, which cost \$1.100, brought \$112 50; Kate Haynes, a thoroughbred brood mare, \$45; Helen, an elegant sorrel mare, \$80; Topsey, the well known mare presented to the President in 1867 by the Russian ambassador at Washington, and kept by the President ever since as a brood mare, \$50; Butcher Maid, a pacing mare, \$60; the Vicksburg mare, which was announced as the animal on which Gen. Grant rode in his Vicksburg campaign, was knocked off for \$56, and "Old Joe," the President's saddle horse before the war, and now aged and infirm, only brought \$10. It is considered certain that President Grant has sacrificed a large sum of money by the peremptory sale of his thoroughbreds.

It is not the polished orator who shapes public opinion, but the quiet editor, whose words go out to the public ear, without parade or ceremony. The orator may please the ear and tickle the fancy, but the editor does more: he satisfies the mind, and carries to every household a fund of knowledge. The orator, by burning words and impassioned eloqueuce, may drive men to a sense of dury; but the editor, if he be true to his profession, attracts men by the presentation of thoughts which appeal to the nobler qualities of head and heart. The words of the orator drop from the lips, and are lost, while the words of the editor drop from the press, and, liked coined money, pass for what they are worth; if pure gold in the truths conveyed, they pass current everywhere. For good or for evil, the editor wields a powerful influence. He can exalt or debas a community. He can advance public virtue, or encourage public corruption. How important, then, that the editor should be a good man.

OLD RESIDENCE BURNED. -The dwelling house and furniture of John L. Andrews, esq., about sisteen miles from Fredericksburg was totally destroyed by fire Monday night about I o'clock when his family were all asleep. The fire was caused by ashes put in an outhouse in the backyard. Few articles of turniture were saved. A colored boy narrowly escaped with his life. The Fredericksburg Herald says: This was probably the oldest house in the county, having been built about the year 1753, and was us d as a hotel for a cumber of years, being located where the Courthouse once stood. In 1838 the Courthouse burned down and the location of the county seat was then changed to where it now stands, some two miles from the old site. Mr. Andrews' loss is about \$3,500. Insured in the Old Dominion Company for

The Conservative Committee, says the Richmond Dispatch, at its recent meeting adopted the draft of an address to the people, which in a few days will be prepared and furnished for publication. The address discusses the pres ent prospects of national politics, gives encouragement as to the coming Presidential canvass, takes somewhat decided ground in reference to independent candidates, and sparingly touches upon the State debt question.

The Markets.

NEW YORK, Oct. 5.-Stocks active and unsetiled. Money 2 Gold 178 Flour a shade firmer. Wheat la2c hetter. Corn a shade firmer. BALTIMORE, Oct. 5. - Virginia sixes, peelers, 49; Virginias, consolidated, 632; West Vas. 9. Cotton a shade firmer and fairly active; middling 124a13. Flour firm and unchanged, Wheat-Western amber nominal; other grades quiet but strong; No. 2 Western red 140; Pennsylvania red 138a140; Maryland red 110a150; secret sixting of the Council, and a conservative Ministry is being formed.

The Carlists demand \$100,000 to discontinue the bombardment of San Sebastian. Military operations in the north of Spain will be resumed perfactors in the north of Spain will be resumed as soon as the Government reinforcements to the army arrive.

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FOR THE ALEX GAZETTE.

Meteorological. September, 1875, has been a cold dry month. following one of the wettest months (August) for many years. The mean temperature for the mouth was 65 52°, which was colder than any September since 1871 which was a little more than one dagree cader, it being 64 13° In 1872 it was 68 57°; 1873, 68 67°; 1374, 70 34°; 1875 65.52°. The coldest day was the 18 h-52 50°. The warmest day was the 31-82.25. The amount of rain fall 1.70 inches. The amount of rain last month 12 20 inches; the amount in September, 1874, 5 30 inches; the amount in September, 1873, 1 60.

U. GILLINGHAM COMMUNICATED

NUISANCE How long are we to be called upon to endure the win inflictions of "blow guns" and slings? The boys are certainly crowding us with their putty, and endangering our eyes and window panes by the stones thrown from their slings Let it be stopped.

COMMERCIAL.

ALEXAND IA MARKET, Oct'r. 5 - Wheat is unchanged since yesterday's report; offerings of 2076 bushels, with sales of a choice white lot at 135, and red at 105, 118 and 25 for ordinary to good and 130, 132 and 134 for prime to choice. Ther: were no offerings of Corn on 'Change today, and we hear of no transactions on the street; good lots are nominally 81. Oats are firm and prices are better; offerings of 352 bushels, and sales at 50.

PORTOFALEXANDRIA, OCTOBERS.

Schr Eddie, Portsmouth, Va., to J P Agnew. Schr M A Fisk, Charlestown, Mass., to J P

Schr Henry A Paul, Providence, to American Schr Earl P Mason, Boston, to American Coal Co. Schrs Polk, Salisbury, and Old Industry, Wilmington, Del., f r Washington.

SAILED. Steamer New York, Philadelphia, by F A Steamer Pilot Boy, Currioman, by Shinn & Co.

MEMORANDA Schrs Jane L Newton and Jessie B Smith, sence for Boston, at Vineyard Haven 1s.. Schr J H Gallagher sailed from Philadelphia or this port 4th.

CANAL COMMERCE.

Arrived-Boats M Fannon and Morning Sun, via Rock creek, to Hampshire and Baltimore Coal Co; W P Woolls, Alex Adams and Park Agnew, to Hampshire and Baltimore Coal Co; M M Lewis, J Bradburn, L A Long and P G Uhler, to American Coal Co; M E Waters, to W A Smoot; J T Dixon, E J Neal and Ohio, to (Pacra's Creek Coal and Iron Co.) Jeorge's Creek Coal and Iron Co. Departed-Boats F R M Bowers, G L Boothe, Little Nannie, W Walsh, Mollie C Waters, H C Flagg and W P Woolls.

MARRIED.

In the M. E. Church South, at 8 o'clock this a. m., by Rev. Mr. Waugh, Mr. M. F. SAN-FORD, of Westmoreland, and Miss ELLA R. NEVITT, of Washington, D. C. They receive the warmest congratulations and best wishes of their numerous friends.

Special Notice.

GENTS' EXTRA FINE BOOTS AND SHOES.

We have just received a fresh supply of Gents extra fine, hand-sewed Boots and Shoes, and Slippers of every description, which we unhesitatingly recommend to be the very best on sale in the city. W B. WADDEY, oct 1 74 King street.

Ladies' Misses' and Children's Boots, Shoes and Slippers.

We are this day receiving a full line of Lalies', Misses' and Children's Boots. Shoes and Slippers, suitable for Fall and Winter, em-bracing all of the latest styles. We solicit purhasers to call and examine for themselves, at W. B. WADDEY, 74 King st.

A Fact That We Are Willing to Prove,

That we can show a larger and better assorted stock of Boots and Shoes, suited to the wants of the people, and that our prices are lower, considering the quality of the goods and workmanship, than any other house, in our line of goods, in this section of the country.

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STOCKHOLDERS' MEETINGS. TOTICE TO STOCKHOLDERS.

The Annual Meeting of the Stockholders of the ALEXANDRIA and FREDERICKS-BURG RAILWAY COMPANY will be held at the effice of Francis L. Smith, esq., corner Wolfe and St. Asaph streets. Alexandria, Va., TUESDAY, November 9, 1875, at 10 o'clock a. m. Election for President and Directors same

oct 5-wtd ALBERT HEWSON, Sect'y.

STOCKHOLDERS' MEETING.

The regular annual meeting of the stockholders of the ALEXANDRIA and WASHING-TON RAILROAD COMPANY will be held at the office of the Company, in Alexandria, Va., corner of King and St. Asaph sts , at 12 o'clock m., on MONDAY, October 25th, A. D. 1875.

JOHN CROWE,

MASHINGTON & OHIO RAILROAD

WINTER ARRANGEMENT, BEGINNING OCTOBER 8, 1875. The MAIL TRAIN will leave Washington

at 9 a m., and Alexandria at 9:10 a. m., daily, except Sunday; pass Leesburg, going westward, at 11:20 a. m.; and arrive at Round Hill at 12 m. Leave Round Hill at 12:30 p. m.; pass Leesburg, going eastward, at 1:10 p. m; and arrive at Alexandria at 3:15 p. m., and at Washington at

The ACCOMMODATION TRAIN will leave Washington at 4 p. m., and Alexandria at 4:10 p. m., daily, except Sunday, and arrive at Leesburg at 6:20 p. m. Leave Leesburg at 6 a. m., and arrive at Alexandria at 8:15 a. m., and Washington at 8:30 a. m.

Passengers from Washington will take the Washington and Ohio cars at the Baltimore and Potomac Railroad station at 9 a.m. and 4 p.

m., and go through without change of cars.
The 9.10 a. m. train from Alexandria and 12.30
p. m. train from Round Hill connect at Round Hill with Harris' Daily Line of Coaches for Snickersville, Berryville and Winchester; also with Reamer's Line of Coaches, which leave Leesburg daily for Aldie and Middleburg. Both trains, westward, make close connection,

at Vienna, with Sisson's Line of Stages for Fairlax Court House. Commutation tickets, 3 cts. per mile Annual tickets, \$60. R. H. HAVENER,

General Ticket Agent. ARGE AND CHOICE STOCK OF FAN-CY AND STAPLE DRY GOODS. October 4th, 1875.

New York, Philadelphia and Baltimore markets, We have just returned from the North and opening to day a splendid assortment of goods. embracing the newest and lates, styles out for fall and winter. Our Dress Goods Department is complete, and we make Black Goods a specialty. We cannot enumerate all the different lines of goods, but invite a general examination